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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

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For the
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SHANGHAI BANKING
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

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Hongkong Branch,
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HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 616

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ARTICLES to the EXHIBITION,
whether for Sale or otherwise, are requested
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H. E. WODEHOUSE,
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Hongkong, June 8, 1885. 950

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Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

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Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 213

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Hongkong, May 29, 1885. 889

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Hongkong, April 4, 1885.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship Japan having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby requested to send

in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned

for countersignature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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once landed and stored at Consignees' risk

and expense.

Consignees are hereby informed that all

Claims must be made immediately, as

none will be entertained after the 13th

Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 6, 1885.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Ningpo,

Capt. W. Ports, will be

despatched for the above

For TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, June 12, 1885.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Co's Steamship

Beverly,

Capt. TAYLOR, will be

despatched for the above

Port on MONDAY, the 15th Instant, at 5 o'clock p.m., instead of as previously ordered.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSELL & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, June 12, 1885.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW (SHARP PEAK), DIRECT.

The Co's Chartered

Steamship

Arie,

Capt. Ellis, will be

despatched for the above Port on TUES-

DAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, June 12, 1885.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON PIA SUZ CANAL

The Co's Steamship

Nestor,

Capt. NISH, will be

despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 17th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1885.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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CITY HALL,

THE MASOTTE OPERA COMPANY.

PATRON: H. E. Sir GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

TOMORROW.

SATURDAY, June 13th.

June 12.—
Olefo, British steamer, 864, Hutchinson, Newchawng June 3, and Chitoo 5, Beans, Boranaris & Swine.

Rambler, British sloop-of-war, 830, Hon. E. P. Verdon, Singapore June 4.

Atholl, British steamer, 223, R. W. Thomson, Singapore and Saigon, June 8, General.—RUN HIN CHAN.

Cheena Hock Kian, British steamer, 956, Fred. Webb, Swatow June 11, General.—EIN HIN CHAN.

King Arthur, British steamer, 1,047, F. J. Raffin, Bombay 12 Pohang, and Singapore June 3, General and 42 chests Opium & P. O. S. N. Co.

An-lin, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Danube, British steamer, 561, Joseph Newton, Bangkok June 6, Rice and General—YUEN FA HONG.

Greyhound, British steamer, 227, W. C. Syder, Pakhoi June 9, and Hollow 11, General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

Hawerton, British steamer, J. Peters, Nagasaki June 6, Coal and General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Nanfan, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, Swatow June 11, General.—HORN HIN CHAN.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Oceanic, sailed June 9th: For Yokohama, 1,250 bags Sugar, 65 pgs. Merchandise, 3,027 bags Rice, 61 bags Black Pepper.

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Per S. S. Oceanic

position. There is now, according to Marvin, no barrier whatever between Russia and India by way of Herat and Candahar. Therefore we must hold Fenjideh and Zulfiukar (the gates of Herat), as well as Herat (the key of India). Even supposing that some time or other Constantinople were to be given up to Russia, the absolute security of England for holding the gates of India would still exist. Russia's guarantee is not guaranteed. Her frontier line of thousands of miles is ever liable to change; and, nearly every mile furnishes an opportunity for her restless quarrelsome spirit to find work for herself and others. Korea, Manchuria, Mongolia, Kuldja, Kashgaria, Turkistan, Afghanistan, and Persia, each furnish material for a quarrel when required. Permanent peace with Russia is an impossibility; and the only result of surrounder of any kind would be fresh demands.

Referring to the steps which England ought at once to take to avert disaster or even danger, Mr. Marvin speaks in the most confident terms of the knowledge and capacity of Lord Dufferin to do his part, if the Liberal Government will but let him. The arrival in England of General Lumumba and some of his able lieutenants must exercise a powerful influence on public men at the present time.

TELEGRAMS.

(Via Shanghai).

THE MINISTRY.

LONDON, June 11.

The Times in a leading article, announces that the Queen declines to accept the resignation of the Ministry until she receives further information from them as to their reasons for deciding to resign.

(Via Northern Line).

THE SUEZ CANAL BLOCKED.

LONDON, June 11.

A steam dredge has been sunk in the Suez Canal, which will be blocked up, it is expected, for a fortnight.

FRANCE AND CAMBODIA.

The Saigonais of the 4th instant publishes the following telegram:—

PARIS, May 30.

The Chamber has ratified by a large majority the Convention concluded on the 17th June 1884, between France and Cambodia.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Heavy, Gulf of Suez, May 12; Timor, and Gouinia, May 19; Antwerp, Brecknockshire, Ferrol, Gloucest. River Indus, May 23; Hangchow, Peking, June 2; Tsinan, June 5; Elektra, June 9.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—Anchored, June 5; Dacca, June 9.

The NO. 1 FRENCH MAIL, by the M. C. O. a steamer *Saturne*, left Suez for this port on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 13th instant.

The D. D. R. steamer *Cassandra* left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th instant.

The S. S. *Kudang* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst.

H. B. M.'s gunboat *Lionet* was to leave Shanghai for Port Hamilton on the 6th instant.

THE U. S. S. *Morocco*, which left Shanghai on Thursday, the 6th June, called in at Chinghai on her way to Amoy and Canton.

MESSES Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s new S. S. *Kudang*, for this port from London, left Singapore to-day.

THE Saigonais states that the Russian squadron in the Far East is about to be reinforced by one ironclad, one cruiser and two gunboats.

H. M. sloop *Rambler*, 830 tons, Lieut. Commander the Hon. F. P. Vereker, arrived here to-day from Singapore and Home to join the squadron on the China Station.

GENERAL de Courcy, the new commander-in-chief of the French expeditionary corps in Tonking, left Singapore by the *Amazon* on the 26th May, for Haiphong direct.

We are informed by the Agent that the Company's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 21st ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port on the 14th inst.

The British steamer *Greyhound*, Captain Scott, which arrived here to-day, reports that when she left Hoihong yesterday the British steamer *Wah Yen*, Captain Witt, was in port, with a defect in her machinery.

In anticipation of the treaty between France and China being signed, says the N. C. D. News of the 6th inst., some of the large coasting steamers have been ordered to Shanghai so as to be in time to transport the tribute rice northward.

An extraordinary phenomenon occurred a few days since, we learn from *L'Unité Indo-Chinoise*, at Katon, in Cambodia. A fall of enormous tal-stones took place at the village, which destroyed all the trees and plantations in the neighbourhood.

THE N. C. D. News learns that there are some thousands of boatmen at Thaitein who have nothing to do, as their occupation, namely the carrying of tribute rice up the canal, is gone for the time. They cause grave anxiety to the officials.

The *Bayonnette*, one of the river gunboats sent out from France in pieces, was, says the *Saigonais*, successfully launched under the superintendence of the Commandant of Marine and the Director of the Arsenal at Saigon on the 24th May, in the presence of Governor and his aides de camp, Captains Luce and Follet.

THE N. C. D. News denies the report that the *Shard* Osborne, was injured in laying the cable to Port Hamilton. It says the cable was extended between Gutzlaff and Port Hamilton in a very short time without accident to it or to herself. The same paper says the steamer has come to Hongkong to be supplied with new boilers.

The adjourned enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Fung Chi Kwan, the fisherman who was murdered in his boat at Tai Kok Tsui on the night of the 4th instant, which had been arranged to be held to-day, has been, by the Coroner's orders, further postponed till Tuesday next, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m., at the Magistrate's. No further clue as to the perpetrators of the crime has yet been discovered, and the same may be said with regard to the previous murder of a woman at the same place.

THE block in the Suez Canal will seriously affect trading steamers generally, and probably delay the mails both ways to some extent, but it will most seriously affect the tea trade. The *Glengary*, the first tea steamer, ought now to be within two or three days of Suez, and there will probably be quite a fleet gathered there before the Canal is cleared. It may be a nice point as to who shall suffer the loss from the delay caused by the block in the delivery on contract of goods to arrive.

H. B. M.'s gunboat *Zephyr* arrived at Shanghai from Port Hamilton on the 5th instant. When she left Port Hamilton the British war vessels *Pegasus*, *Swift*, *Wanderer*, *Merlin*, and *Daring* were there. The *Admiral* arrived on the 2nd inst. from Nagasaki and the hired transport *Merionethshire* was there also. A Japanese corvette arrived at 9.30 a.m. on the 3rd inst. and took up a position between Bold Point and Observatory Island. Men have been employed in building defences to the harbour and the works are now almost completed. The weather is cool and fine.

THE case of intimidation and assault of a non-union tradesman by members of the sailors' guild in this Colony was decided this morning by Mr. Wodehouse. Shie Asau, the first defendant in the case, who cut and wounded the complainant's brother with a knife, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and to find security in a small sum for his good behaviour for six months. The other three defendants, who took part in the disturbance outside the tailor's shop and threatened his life, were simply fined \$5 each, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered to find security for their good behaviour for three months. We cannot but think that these sentences are totally inadequate to the offences committed, and are much lighter than those passed upon members of trades-unions, who have been found guilty of intimidation and assault upon non-union men at home. If the administration of British law in this Colony is not to become the laughing-stock of the Chinese resident population, and this it is fast becoming, any attempt by any club, guild, or clique to force their own wishes or rules upon other persons by violent means must be promptly suppressed and the perpetrators of the outrage severely punished. The serious crime of cutting and wounding in itself is frequently punished in this Colony by a heavier penalty than six weeks' imprisonment, and in this case the assault with deadly weapons was aggravated by a previous threat to take the offending tailor's life. Another point in the evidence taken to-day was the statement of the wounded man, Chan Hing, that the wound which he received on the head was inflicted by a man named Tang Ku, who was armed with a Chinese sword, which he used with some effect upon Chan Hing. This man is said by the witness to have been the leading man in the attack made upon him. Surely this man should be arrested and put upon his trial.

On the evening of the 23rd ultimo, while some of the European residents were playing billiards at the Club at Jamie, in Sunmata, two fanatic Hadjees rushed in and made an attack, killing the Military Doctor, and wounding an Infantry Lieutenant, who has since died, and two other officials. The two men have not been arrested yet. The Resident of Palmebang, who has gone to Jamie to investigate the matter, has called upon the chiefs to account for the conduct of these men. The rising, we are informed, has no political significance.

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H. B. M.'s gunboat *Lionet* was to leave Shanghai for Port Hamilton on the 6th instant.

THE U. S. S. *Morocco*, which left Shanghai on Thursday, the 6th June, called in at Chinghai on her way to Amoy and Canton.

MESSES Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s new S. S. *Kudang*, for this port from London, left Singapore to-day.

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H. M. sloop *Rambler*, 830 tons, Lieut. Commander the Hon. F. P. Vereker, arrived here to-day from Singapore and Home to join the squadron on the China Station.

GENERAL de Courcy, the new commander-in-chief of the French expeditionary corps in Tonking, left Singapore by the *Amazon* on the 26th May, for Haiphong direct.

We are informed by the Agent that the Company's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 21st ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port on the 14th inst.

The British steamer *Greyhound*, Captain Scott, which arrived here to-day, reports that when she left Hoihong yesterday the British steamer *Wah Yen*, Captain Witt, was in port, with a defect in her machinery.

In anticipation of the treaty between France and China being signed, says the N. C. D. News of the 6th inst., some of the large coasting steamers have been ordered to Shanghai so as to be in time to transport the tribute rice northward.

An extraordinary phenomenon occurred a few days since, we learn from *L'Unité Indo-Chinoise*, at Katon, in Cambodia. A fall of enormous tal-stones took place at the village, which destroyed all the trees and plantations in the neighbourhood.

THE N. C. D. News learns that there are some thousands of boatmen at Thaitein who have nothing to do, as their occupation, namely the carrying of tribute rice up the canal, is gone for the time. They cause grave anxiety to the officials.

We learn from the *Saigonais* that the gunboat *Jaguar*, which is at present at Saigon undergoing repairs, is to be detached from the Tonking naval division and is to join the Cochinchina division in place of the *Sainte*, which will, on its return from Kamput, rejoin the squadron of the Far East, under Admiral Courbet. The transport *Vinh-long* arrived at Saigon on the 23rd May, with sixty-eight soldiers for Cochinchina, 495 for Tonking, and 146 for Admiral Courbet's squadron. The *Louis* and the *Huron*, chartered transports, left Saigon for Tonking on the 28th May, and the *Indoustan* on the 24th. The gunboat *Parise* arrived at Saigon from Tonking on the 26th May, en route for Lorient, where she will be dismantled and taken out of commission.

We possess the finest Colony in the world, Seychelles, and yet the Home Government and the Mauritius Government do nothing towards making anything of it. It is reported by the best authorities to be the most fertile, it produces the greatest variety of vegetable growths of any place known, and is the richest in the extent and quantity of the same. Yet it is without a Government, it has never been surveyed, no one knows whether the land he occupies is his own or not. There are no roads. There are scarcely any inhabitants (not counting the Africans). The greater part of the few inhabitants cannot, or can scarcely, read; most of them go barefoot. Intoxication is very common. Scarcely any of the male population work. The women are they who work the most; their occupation making straw hats. There are a few respectable and educated inhabitants, but the number is very small indeed. The group is composed of 34 principal islands. Is it not a disgrace to the English Government to leave such a fine colony in such an abandoned state?—*Mauritius Mercantile Record*.

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THE *Glengary*, the chief character in the story, was personated by Miss Davenport, and it was said that this lady gave a most vivid representation of the scheming, intriguing, clever but abandoned woman of the world, whose ambition was to become mistress of the state. Her acting of the part was faultless, and her singing was exceptionally artistic and pleasing. In the scene where she makes love to *Angie Pitou*, *Mauritius Mercantile Record*.

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